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Subject: RE: Oxitec EUP Application OPP Update

Got it, thanks all! Changing to say "reopen"

EPA ~~Extends~~ Reopens Public Comment Period on Application of Experimental Use Permit to Combat Mosquitos

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Public comments about the receipt of this EUP application should be submitted to www.regulations.gov under docket # [EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0756](#) on or before June 7, 2018.

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We are reopening the comment period. Thanks for catching.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 8, 2018, at 5:54 PM, McNally, Robert <McNally.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

I am 99% sure we are not extending the comment period, since it ended, but opening a new one or reopening the old one – correct? Mike and Eric – what are we calling it?

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Subject: Oxitec EUP Application OPP Update

Good Afternoon Bob and Anne,

This OPP Update announcing the extension of the comment period for the Oxitec EUP application is ready for your review. It has been approved by Eric Bohnenblust, Mike Mendelsohn, and Kaythi Han.

We hope publish the OPP Update early tomorrow morning.

Thanks!
Isabella

EPA ~~Extends~~ Opens a Second Public Comment Period on Application of Experimental Use Permit to Combat Mosquitos

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